

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

No. 14-0776

MIKE MORATH, COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY;
GLENN HEGAR, TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, IN HIS OFFICIAL
CAPACITY; THE TEXAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; AND THE TEXAS
EDUCATION AGENCY, APPELLANTS,

v.

THE TEXAS TAXPAYER AND STUDENT FAIRNESS COALITION, ET AL.; CALHOUN
COUNTY ISD, ET AL.; EDGEWOOD ISD, ET AL.; FORT BEND ISD, ET AL.; TEXAS
CHARTER SCHOOL ASSOCIATION, ET AL.; AND JOYCE COLEMAN, ET AL.,
APPELLEES

ON DIRECT APPEAL FROM THE 200TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
OF TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

JUDGMENT

THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS, having heard this cause on direct appeal from the 200th Judicial District Court of Texas, and having considered the appellate record, briefs, and counsels' argument, concludes that the court of appeals' judgment should be affirmed in part and reversed in part.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, in accordance with the Court's opinion, that:

- 1) The portion of the trial court's judgment declaring that the Texas school finance system violates the Texas Constitution is reversed;
- 2) The portion of the trial court's judgment declaring that the Texas school finance system does not violate the Texas Constitution is affirmed;
- 3) The portion of the trial court's judgment awarding injunctive relief and costs is reversed;

- 4) The portion of the trial court's judgment awarding attorney's fees to some parties and denying them to other parties is reversed, and the cause is remanded to the trial court for further proceedings consistent with this Court's opinion on all parties' claims for attorney's fees and trial court costs;
- 5) The portion of the trial court's judgment stating that the court retains continuing jurisdiction over this cause is reversed, except that the trial court retains such jurisdiction that trial courts generally have to enforce their judgments and decrees and to consider issues on remand from appellate courts; and
- 6) Appellants Mike Morath, Commissioner of Education, in his official capacity, Glenn Hegar, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, in his official capacity, the Texas State Board of Education, and the Texas Education Agency shall recover, and Appellees the Texas Taxpayer and Student Fairness Coalition, et al., Calhoun County ISD, et al., Edgewood ISD, et al., Fort Bend ISD, et al., Texas Charter School Association, et al., and Joyce Coleman, et al. shall pay, the costs of court incurred in the Court.

Copies of this judgment and the Court's opinion are certified to the District Court of Travis County, Texas, for observance.

Opinion of the Court delivered by Justice Willett

Concurring opinion filed by Justice Guzman, joined by Justice Lehrmann

Concurring opinion filed by Justice Boyd, joined by Justice Lehrmann and Justice Devine

May 13, 2016
